

HONORABLE ROBERT J. BRYAN

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

LAWRENCE HARTFORD, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BOB FERGUSON, *et al.*

Defendants.

No. 3:23-cv-05364-RJB

DECLARATION OF ZACHARY J.  
PEKELIS IN SUPPORT OF  
ALLIANCE FOR GUN  
RESPONSIBILITY'S REPLY IN  
SUPPORT OF MOTION TO  
INTERVENE AS DEFENDANT

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
MAY 26, 2023

1. I am a partner at Pacifica Law Group LLP, and represent Proposed Intervenor-Defendant Alliance for Gun Responsibility (the Alliance) in this matter. I am over the age of 18, competent to testify, and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.

2. I also represent (or represented) the Alliance or its political committee in the following matters in which it successfully intervened as a defendant to defend Washington gun safety laws: *Banta v. Ferguson*, No. 2:23-CV-00112-MKD (E.D. Wash. May 19, 2023); *Brumback v. Ferguson*, No. 1:22-cv-03093-MKD (E.D. Wash.); *Sullivan v. Ferguson*, No. 3:22-cv-05403-DGE (W.D. Wash.); *Mitchell v. Atkins*, No. 3:19-cv-05106 (W.D. Wash.); *Slone v. State*, No. 20-2-07296-1 (Pierce Cnty. Super. Ct.). In addition, I represent the Alliance's sister organization, the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety (the Oregon Alliance), in cases in which the Oregon Alliance has

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1 successfully intervened to defend an Oregon gun safety law: *Oregon Firearms Fed'n, Inc. v.*  
2 *Kotek*, No. 2:22-cv-01815-IM (D. Or.); *Eyre v. Rosenblum*, No. 3:22-cv-01862-IM (D. Or.).

3 3. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the court's September 25,  
4 2020 order granting intervention to the Alliance's political committee, Safe Schools Safe  
5 Communities, in *Slone v. State* (Pierce Cnty. Super Ct.).

6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

7 EXECUTED this 26th day of May, 2023, at Seattle, Washington.

8 s/ Zachary J. Pekelis  
9 ZACHARY J. PEKELIS, WSBA #44557

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of May, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the United States District Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all parties who are registered with the CM/ECF system.

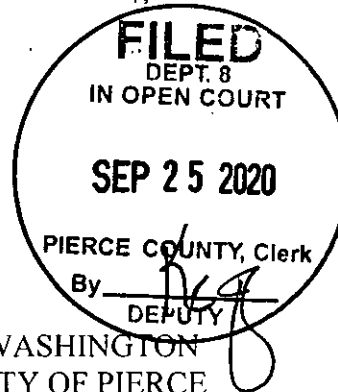
Dated this 26th day of May, 2023.

  
Erica Knerr

# EXHIBIT A



HONORABLE GRANT BLINN  
Hearing Set: September 25, 2020  
Time: 9:00 AM



SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE

KERRY SLONE, a resident of the state of  
Washington, GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA,  
INC., and GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Defendant,

No. 20-2-07296-1

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING  
SAFE SCHOOLS SAFE  
COMMUNITIES' MOTION TO  
INTERVENE AS A DEFENDANT

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Safe Schools Safe Communities' (the "Campaign's")  
Motion to Intervene as a Defendant ("Motion"). The Court has considered the papers and pleadings  
filed herein, including the following:

1. The Campaign's Motion;
2. Declaration of Renee Hopkins in Support of the Motion, and exhibits thereto;
3. Declaration of Nicholas W. Brown in Support of the Motion, and exhibits thereto;
4. The Campaign's Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint (Proposed);
5. Plaintiffs' Opposition and supporting declarations, if any;
6. The Campaign's Reply in Support of the Motion, if any;

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING SAFE SCHOOLS SAFE  
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Based on the above, the Court ORDERS as follows:

1. The Campaign's Motion to Intervene as a Defendant is GRANTED.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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HONORABLE GRANT BLINN

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